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AID FOR WILLIAM RHODES

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SUBJECT: VISIT OF WILLIAM RHODES OF AID AND MRS. PYLE OF IIE

1. WILLIAM RHODES OF SPECIAL TECHNICAL SERVICES OF AID AND EMBASSY OFFICER VISITED DR. GUILLERMO RODRIQUEZ BLUNCK, TECHNICAL DIRECTOR OF CORDIPLAN. THEY EXPLAINED WORK OF OFFICE OF SPECIAL TECHNICAL SERVICES, NOTING POSSIBILITIES OF COOPERATION WITH CORDIPLAN IN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (OFFICIALLY ENTITLED PROGRAMA DE BECAS GRAN MARISCAL DE AYACUCHO). DOMINGUEZ STATED THAT THE FOUR PRIORITY FIELDS NOW STRESSED BY CORDIPLAN ARE OIL, PETROCHEMICALS, STEEL AND SHIP CONSTRUCTION. OTHER FIELDS SUCH AS AGRICULTURE, HIGH LEVEL MANAGEMENT, NOT BEING IGNORED BUT CORDIPLAN APPARENTLY WISHES PUSH FIRST THE FOUR FIELDS NOTED. SAME FOUR FIELDS MENTIONED BY GUMERSINDO RODRIQUEZ AT LUNCHEON WITH AMBASSADOR (CARACAS 6122) SHIP CONSTRUCTION IS WIDELY INTERPRETED SO THAT IT INCLUDES COORDINATION OF PORT IMPROVEMENT AND PORT CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION, AS WELL AS BUILDING OF TANKERS. RHODES EXPLAINED POSSIBILITIES OF COOPERATION THROUGH HIS OFFICE, WHICH CAN CALL UPON BOTH GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES AS ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS AND PRIVATE FIRMS AND INSTITUTIONS.

2. RHODES SPOKE ALSO WITH JOSE ANTONIO ABREU, DIRECTOR OF GENERAL PLANING, ON REQUEST FOR TRAINING FOR EMPLOYEES OF CORDIPLAN IN FIELD OF PLANNING IN GENERAL. ABREU SPOKE ALSO  
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OF NEED FOR CORDIPLAN EMPLOYEES TO HAVE TRAINING COURSES

IN HIGH LEVEL MANAGEMENT (DIFFERING THEREBY FROM DOMINGUEZ IN PARAGRAPH ONE) AND EDUCATION. RHODES DESCRIBED TRAINING COURSE AID DEVELOPED FOR ITS OWN PEOPLE AND SAID HE WOULD WRITE TO ABREU WITHIN TWO WEEKS TO DESCRIBE WHAT SPECIAL TECHNICAL SERVICES COULD OFFER. RHODES VISIT SUCCESSFUL AND EMBASSY APPRECIATES DEPARTMENTS RECOMMENDATION OF HIS VISIT.

3. CASSANDRA PYLE OF IIE SPENT SEVERAL HOURS JULY 8 WITH CORDIPLAN OFFICERS WORKING ON SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, PARTICULARLY ON SUBJECT OF APPLICATION FORMS; MRS. PYLE REPORTS THAT CORDIPLAN ANXIOUS HAVE SOME STUDENTS PLACED BY FALL BUT NOTES THAT ORGANIZATIONAL PROBLEMS STILL REMAIN. MRS. PYLE RETURNING TO CARACAS COMING WEEK-END AND HOPES MORE PROGRESS WILL BE POSSIBLE. SHE URGING CORDIPLAN CONSIDER PLACING STUDENTS IN INTENSIVE ENGLISH COURSES IN U.S. THIS FALL, THEN STARTING ACADEMIC PROGRAMS IN WINTER SEMESTER; CORDIPLAN MAY DO THIS.  
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